1. Question: What is the term of the contemplated contract? (i.e., 2 years, 5 years, base year with options?)

Answer: It is currently planned for 5 Years (subject to change)

2. Question: What type of contract is contemplated? (i.e., CPFF, T&M and BOA, IDIQ?)

Answer: Award of this requirement on a multiple award task order contract is being considered but the final decision on contract type has not been made yet. The task orders that would be awarded under any such multiple task order contracts are tentatively being planned as either CPFF or fixed Price but the decision on what specific contract types will be used for the task orders has yet to be determined and the RFP will set forth the contract types that will be used for these task orders.

3. Question: What is the estimated Ceiling value of the IDIQ?

Answer: Planned not to exceed $500M. (see Question # 48)

4. Question: Paragraph C.3.1.16 states that "the contractor shall have in place at contract award all NDAs with all team members and planned subcontractors." What is the difference between a team member and a subcontractor?

Answer: There is no difference

Question: Does the government intend to restrict the addition of team members or subcontractors to a winning team after award?

Answer: No

5. Question: Paragraph C.5.4 states "The contractor shall be required to have the capability to support ACE and utilize Windchill Applications and have server experience with Windchill as this is the backbone of TARDEC's Advanced Collaborative Environment". Please clarify whether this is a statement of work or an evaluation criterion?

Answer: It is a requirement of the statement of work.

6. Define Non-Traditional Contractors as referred to in C.1.1

Answer: Non-Traditional contractors are those that typically do not do business with the Department of Defense.

7. Question: Should the PM plans required in C.3.1 include a level of detail sufficient to serve as a management tool including (but not limited to) the following:

Answer: The individual task order will provide details as to what the plans may or may not contain.

8. Question: Under C.3.1.2 Task Order and Reporting & C.3.1.6 cost-reports is there a requirement for any specialty software such as earned value management software with formatted reports such as a CSSR, or Microsoft Project for conducting PERT or CPM?

Answer: The individual task order will provide details as to what the reports may or may not contain

9. Question: C.3.1.12 requires sharing programmatic, business process, and technical data with ACE under task orders issued. Is this to include financials, proprietary information, and to what extent?

Answer: The individual task order will provide details; you may have to put company proprietary and financial data on the ACE with the appropriate markings.

10. Question: Pursuant to C.3.2 is there an expectation that the contractors will support initiation / development of tech-base efforts and follow them through acquisition and fielding?

Answer: Yes, the individual task order will detail what the plans are for any particular project that meets these criteria.

11. Question: Per C.3.2.3 What are "outcome based performance measures"

Answer: See DOD 5000 for further information

12. Question: Per C.6.2 what tools (IT systems) will be prescribed, if any, to use in the development, maintenance, and synchronization of the mentioned requirements

Answer: The tools depend on the individual task order requirements.

13. Question: What type of portfolio management software will be used? Will the contractor make recommendations?

Answer: if the government directs software, it will be contained in the task order; otherwise the contractor may propose software to be used.

14. Question: What requirements will the software need to meet, especially regarding inter-operability with other organizations such as the LCMC, RDECOM, and AMC?

Answer: It depends on the individual task order. All requirements will be called out in the task order Scope of Work.

15. Question: Per C.6.9.2 will the contractor only make recommendations regarding the acquisition of software?

Answer: If required by task order, the contractor may make recommendations regarding the acquisition of software.

16. Question: Per C.6.11 what support is available to the contractor regarding OPSEC review of prepared materials? Is the existing government review process and system capable of an (assumed) increase in volume or is the contractor responsible for working this out?

Answer: OPSEC review will follow established TARDEC / TACOM LCMC review procedures.

17. Question: Per C.7.2 all information developed under the individual task order belongs to and is property of the US government and shall be marked FOUO. Two Questions:

Question: What about company proprietary or confidential information? Maybe this should be outlined per task order as appropriate as opposed to all task orders. There seems to be a lot of inquiring about who owns what and why we are marking our approaches as proprietary and what can the government use and share openly.

Answer: Even if the Government is paying for 100% of the cost of development of technical data, DFARS 252.227-7013 provides that the contractor owns the technical data and that the government gets a level of license (called "Government Data Rights") to use that data. NOTE that other parts of applicable DFARS rules allocates Unlimited Rights to certain Technical Data based on other than percentage of government funding. Any prior indication that all information developed under a task order belongs to, and is the property of, the US Government was made in error. The guidance and requirements of DFRAS/FAR, which details applicable procedures including procedures applicable to technical data, such as proprietary data, to be delivered with appropriate restrictions, will apply to this contract. The applicability of a FOUO marking, and any government

directed Distribution Statement, will be governed under AR 25-55, Chapter IV and DoD Directive 5230.24, respectively.

Question: I thought we were to keep FOUO on government computers only which would mean all work would need to be done on Government computers or stored on ACE?

Answer: Work done at contractor locations should follow DoDD 5220-M requirements. Work done on Government computers will follow Government procedures.

18. Question: C.7.5 was left blank. Was it intentional or will there be a requirement for contractors to have facility clearance?

Answer: The Government will correct this in a later version of the SOW.

19. Question: Per C.9, Joint Travel Regulations (i.e. rates of U.S. Government personnel) – will we receive a letter to more easily obtain adjusted rates?

Answer: This will be addressed in a later version of the SOW.

20. Question: Will GSA schedules be used or will we be required to submit labor categories and pricing for this contract?

Answer: GSA schedules will not be used; labor categories and pricing will be addressed in the RFP.

21. Question: What will the RFQ process be?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

22. Question: When will sections L, M and number of awards / basis of awards be released?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

23. Question: Will there be small business prime awards; if so, how many?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

24. Question: Will there be small business set aside awards?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

25. Question: What type of cost volume content will you request?

Answer: That will be addressed in the RFP.

26. Question: What type of page count will you request?

Answer: That will be addressed in the RFP; however, we would like to keep the number of pages to a minimum if at all possible.

27. Question: To be considered as a Prime Contractor- will only those who can do/perform all task order requirements be considered?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

28. Question: Can small business bid as a prime to perform, i.e., only support engineer or admin support task orders?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

29. Question: Can a subcontractor receive tasks from more than one prime?

Answer: That is not a decision for the Government. It is up to the individual contractors.

30. Question: Will there be two suites large and small?

Answer: There will not be suites for the TARDEC Omnibus. The Government will reserve the right to restrict individual task orders to small businesses.

31. Question: How many functional areas will there be?

Answer: There are no plans to require functional areas for the TARDEC Omnibus.

32. Question: How many prime awards are planned?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

33. Question: Do contractors need to qualify for every task, or just areas? (i.e., Laboratory Support C.6.10 but not IT Management/IA Management C.6.9)

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

34. Question: What value/preference will be given to a team response versus a single company who states they will bring in partners as needed?

Answer: There are no plans to provide a preference for a team response.

35. Question: Will there be multiple CPFF/T&M/FFP delivery orders?

Answer: CPFF and Fixed Price are being considered as contract types for the task orders but the contract types decided upon will be set forth in the RFP.

36. Question: Has your Acquisition Strategy been approved or when will it be approved?

Answer: The Acquisition Strategy has not been approved at this time. It will be approved prior to formal RFP release.

37. Question: Do you have to have a current contract with TACOM to establish an ACE account?

Answer: No.

38. Question: What will the TARDEC/RDECOM surcharge to use the contract (other agencies)?

Answer: No decision has been made with regard to a surcharge.

39. Question: What is TARDEC's metric/goal for time between delivery order scope of work acceptance and release of RFQ?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP, the preference is for a quick turn-around process but that will depend on individual task orders.

40. Question: How does TARDEC insert advanced technology to a PM if he or she does not have a requirement?

Answer: TARDEC is working with PM's to ensure their future interests are addressed in the overall lifecycle management of systems.

41. Question: Can a company directly respond to large and small Modeling and Simulation (CAE) and test RFP's or better to team with Prime Contractors?

Answer: Not sure what the question is asking.

42. Question: Will there be a forum where we can interface with Prime and subcontractors to form teams for unilateral response to omnibus RFPs?

Answer: The attendee list for Industry Day has been posted on the TACOM PROCNET webpage.

43. Question: Will the sample tasks be fictional or real; and awarded?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

44. Question: Can this contract be used to provide support OCONUS (SWA)?

Answer: Yes the contract may be use to support OCONUS (SWA) activities related to efforts acquired by individual task orders. Note additional approvals/concurrences are required to send support OCONUS (SWA)

45. Question: Is there a preferred range for the number of companies/organizations on a team?

Answer: There is no preferred or required range for the number of companies/organizations on a team.

46. Question: Will each task order be competitively bid among the selected contractors? (i.e., similar to the TACOM PEO CS&CSS omnibus process?)

Answer: Task orders will be competed as required by regulation, with the exception to those tasks that are approved as logical follow-on actions per the FAR/DFAR.

47. Question: Do you plan to have annual funded management task order for each prime?

Answer: That will be addressed after contract award on an as needed basis.

48. Question: What is contract ceiling?

Answer: Not to exceed $500M over 5 years. (see Question # 3)

49. Question: Will there be overall rate schedules?

Answer: No, this is not a GSA type contract.

50. Question: What do you think the small business % will be?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

51. Question: What will be small business goals for large business primes?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

52. Question: How many awards are you planning?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

53. Question: Will you need approval from the Defense Acquisition Board?

Answer: No

54. Question: Will there be GSA pricing like PEO CS&CSS?

Answer: No this is not a GSA type contract

55. Question: Under C.5.5, will you consider any low rate production based on prototype efforts and rapid reaction needs of the field?

Answer: If required by quick reaction or other requirements and as directed by individual task orders.

56. Does TARDEC plan to use the PEO CS&CSS omnibus contracts? To what extent?

Answer: TARDEC has made arrangements to be able to use the PEO CS&CSS omnibus contract if it satisfies our requirements. The CS&CSS contract cannot purchase materials thereby limiting the variety of actions that be satisfied in the PEO CS&CSS contract.

57. What NAICS code will be used for small business designation?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

58. Has TARDEC chosen the NAICS for small business awards?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

59. Will the contract be GSA based?

Answer: No it will not.

60. You mentioned small business prime contract award(s). How many and what NAICS/small business standard size will be used?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

61. Will TARDEC reserve some task orders just for small business?

Answer: This will be addressed in the RFP.

62. Question: Will a portion of the Scope of Work be designated for small business primes only?

Answer: No the scope of work is not severable into small or large business efforts. Individual task orders will be designated as reserved for small business.

63. Question: Will there be small business set-asides for the omnibus?

Answer: Yes individual task orders will be designated as reserved for small business.

64. Question: Will delivery orders below a certain size/value be restricted to small business primes?

Answer: The Government will review each task order and make a determination based on the effort required.

65. Will there be a separate contract award reserved for 8(a) certified small disadvantaged businesses or service disabled veteran owned small business?

Answer: No.

66. Question: What might cause you to delay the RFP release?

Answer: We are working as quickly as possible to release the RFP but we need to complete all necessary internal reviews.

67. Question: How is it envisioned that TARDEC will share responsibility with PM's in the System Development stage and beyond?

Answer: TARDEC is currently developing and improving processes with PMs and PEOs. The specific details of how responsibility is shared may vary depending on many things including the system of interest. Specific details will be identified in the individual task orders.

68. Question: How will USMC use this contract?

Answer: They will need to contact TARDEC and we will work with them in meeting their needs.

69. Will non-DoD agencies use this contract?

Answer: They will need to contact TARDEC and we will work with them in meeting their needs.

70. Question: Will the RFP responses need to cover the full breadth of capability areas or can we bid a subset of capabilities?

Answer: RFP responses will need to address ALL requirements / capabilities set forth.

71. Will there be a management plan in the technical approach?

Answer: The RFP will address this.

72. Question: The Draft Scope discusses Team Member and subcontractors: What is the difference?

Answer: There is no difference.

73. What is the cut-off for question regarding Draft RFP?

Answer: No formal date has been set. The RFP will address the responses required of the offerors.